

The Avalanche

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DEATH LIST OF LAKES

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN SAILORS DIE THIS YEAR.

List in Largest of the Decade—But One Bad Storm Swept Great Lakes During Navigation Season—The Weather Causes Delay in Trade.

But one storm, which will have a place in the memory of lake-faring men, swept the great lakes in the season just closed. It was the one technically known at the weather bureau as the "tail end" of the Galveston storm. Nevertheless the list of dead among those navigating the great lakes during the season is longer than in any previous year of the decade. In all 110 people were lost. In 1896 the dead numbered an even 100. In 1898 they numbered 95 and in 1897 98 were drowned. In 1896 the number of casualties was 60. The single item of lost overboard for 25 unfortunate men who were swept off one by one into the open lake and were drowned in hours. The ships that foundered carried 35 people with them. The death of nine was due directly to collisions, the victims being either killed or unable to escape before their craft sank. All were lost between Lake Huron and Lake Erie. Six were killed by accident with machinery and five died as results of explosions. Eight received fatal injuries by falling into holds, three were killed by lightning, three committed suicide and one met death by falling from aloft.

WEATHER STILL A DRAWBACK.

Retali Trade Still Waits the Coming of Frost and Cold.

Bradstreet's says: "Weather conditions are still a drawback to the trade in water-tight goods, but it is notable that a better report comes from the Northwest than for some weeks past. Southern trade advances remain good, but retail business at Eastern markets has reported backward. A hopeful feature this week was the taking of a large lot of brown cottons for export to China. Finished products monopolize the activity in the iron and steel trades, with bars, plates, sheets and bridge material most active. Even in finished lines, however, there is less reported doing in new business, but Pittsburgh and Chicago mills are reported sold ahead fifty to ninety days. At Chicago prices are scarce and a premium is offered for early deliveries of galvanized and black sheets. The rail market is active and 60,000 tons were sold at Chicago this week."

STRIKE RICH VEIN OF ORE.

Important Find in the Anaconda Mines of Cripple Creek, Col.

One of the biggest strikes and by far the most important one which has been made in Cripple Creek camp this year was entered at the depth of 550 feet in the Anaconda Company's workings the other day. At the depth of 400 feet below the tunnel level in a drift there is now five feet of ore, and it is showing in abundance. Assays indicate a value of about \$120 a ton. For a distance of 500 feet there is no waste run through. The discovery is very significant both for the Anaconda company as well as for the entire camp. It has given the general belief that there was not a second zone.

Torpedo Boat Badly Hurt.

The United States torpedo boat Craven, which was in collision recently in Newport harbor with the Dahlgren, was hauled at the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H., and upon examination was found to have sustained more serious damage than outward appearances would indicate. It is estimated that it will take \$40,000 to fit her for sea.

Cottly Blaze in Canton, Ohio.

The Saxton block, owned by Mrs. M. C. Barker, sister of President McKinley's wife, was destroyed by fire at Canton, Ohio. Twenty families who occupied the place are homeless. The entire loss will probably reach \$200,000, with the insurance at about one-third of that amount. Four firemen were seriously but not fatally injured.

Die in a Gale on Erie.

Eight persons were drowned by the sinking of the Iron ore barge, Charles Foster in one of the heaviest gales that has been seen on Lake Erie for some years. The barge was in tow of the tug Iron Duke, and she plunged to the bottom under the impact of an immense sea ten miles off Erie, Pa.

Find No Work at Kansas City.

Within a week more than 100 men were sent to Kansas City by a Chicago employment bureau under promise of work. In every case there was no work, and in nine cases out of ten the men did not have money enough to get out of town.

Railroad Man Robbed.

While working in the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad freight yards at Chicago, George Johnson, a freight train conductor, was attacked by three highwaymen, beaten into insensibility while resisting and robbed of \$70 and a gold watch and chain.

Kansas' Greatest Wheat Crop.

The final crop bulletin of the Kansas State Board of Agriculture for the year 1900 shows this season's yield of winter wheat to be 76,595,543 bushels, the greatest winter wheat crop ever grown in Kansas.

Man Killed by Fight.

Confronted by the wife whom he had deserted for another woman, William Boulton, son of a fine English family, dropped dead in Vancouver, B. C. The wife came from England, and Boulton suddenly expired after a stormy interview with her.

Trolley Car Wreck.

A passenger train struck a crowded trolley car at Rankin, Pa., killing one man and badly injuring twenty or more other persons.

Kansas Copies Illinois Law.

Gov. Stanley of Kansas has undertaken to establish a system of civil service among the State institutions similar to the Illinois law. The proposed new law will provide that politics shall not be considered in selecting officers for State institutions.

Hit at Standard Oil Trust.

The Nebraska Supreme Court hit the Standard Oil Company a hard rap when it sustained the motion of the Attorney General ordering the company to produce its books and records for inspection. The court also declared it had jurisdiction to try the case.

FROM THE FOUR QUARTERS OF THE EARTH

GIRL WINS RICHES IN ALASKA.

Former Boston Telephone Operator Returns with \$400,000 in Gold. Carey Kelly, a daughter of a well-to-do family, formerly a telephone girl in Boston, arrived in Minneapolis on her way to Chicago. She will go to Boston to see her parents and provide for their necessities. Miss Kelly was one of five young women who accompanied their brother, George L. McKee, to Alaska in the spring of 1899. "We had many hardships," said Miss Kelly, "and several members of our party died. The McKee girls and myself opened a small hotel when we reached Alaska. In the fall of 1897 we sold it for \$11,000 to speculators. Then we worked in more claims. We worked two and cleaned up \$40,000 in six months. The cost of operation was tremendous. Eventually we sold them for \$400,000 cash. We planned to go to Nome, but learned that region was poor, so we came back. Before we went west my brother John was in business at Springfield, Mo. He was a very successful man, a telephone girl, used to sit and say hello all day long for \$3 a week."

LIFE LOST IN FIRE.

Several others injured in the burning of the Meeker Iron Works. One of the most destructive fires that ever visited Bransville, Ind., took place the other morning. As a result one life was lost, several persons were injured, and the large structural iron works of George L. Meeker & Co., on First street, and Leowenthal's, commission house were totally destroyed, with a loss of \$105,000, while other buildings were damaged. The entire loss from the fire will reach \$110,000. The firemen killed and injured were caught by a falling brick wall. The fire is thought to have originated in the molding department of the iron works.

ESCAPES JOKES BY DEATH.

St. Louis Woman Takes Poison Because Sweetheart Taunted Her. Having borne the taunts of her sweetheart as long as she could, Mary Ernst, 23 years old, ended her misery by taking poison in St. Louis. A man, whose name she refused to reveal, had written a letter to her employer, signing the name of a negro to it, and asking if he kept company with Miss Ernst. A similar letter was sent to the negro. The police were called in and the letter writer was arrested, but not prosecuted. Miss Ernst's accepted suit acquired the habit of taunting her about the letter episode every time they quarreled.

DECIDES FOR "JIM CROW" CARS.

United States Supreme Court Draws Color Line in Travel. In an opinion handed down the other day the United States Supreme Court put the stamp of its approval upon "Jim Crow" cars—that is, coaches exclusively for colored passengers on railroads. There was, however, one dissenting voice, that of Justice Harlan, who solemnly declared that no State had a right thus to classify citizens of the State. The case was that of the State of Kentucky against the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company, to compel it to use "Jim Crow" cars. The court decided for the State.

Price of Potatoes Goes Up.

As a result of the long and warm weather in October, accompanied by frequent rains, the potato crop in Wisconsin, Michigan and other States which are producers of tubers has been seriously injured. In consequence the price is advancing rapidly. A large percentage of the potatoes this year are watery as a result of the heavy rains and the warm weather, and this condition renders them unfit for shipping or for keeping.

Turkey to Pay Indemnity.

Miss Rachel G. Ottum, daughter of a merchant and Gen. Williams, representing the Cramp Shipbuilding Company of Philadelphia, has signed a contract for the construction of a cruiser for the Ottoman navy. The price to be paid is \$250,000, which includes \$23,000 as indemnity to the United States for losses sustained by Americans during the Armenian massacres.

Pardoned by Pingree.

Gen. Will L. White, ex-quartermaster general of the State of Michigan, and Gen. Arthur MacArthur, commander in chief, both convicted of conspiracy in the military clothing steal by which the State was defrauded of \$43,000, were pardoned by Gov. Pingree on condition that they each pay to the State a fine of \$1,000 a year for five years.

Expi Lloyd J. Smith.

Lloyd J. Smith, acquitted in the criminal court of a charge of shipping grain from the warehouse of the Chicago Elevator Company without canceling the receipt, was found guilty by the board of directors of the Chicago Board of Trade and was expelled from his seat in that organization.

English in Kaiser's Land.

Announcement of the nature of Emperor William's decree regarding the reform of the higher schools has aroused the widest interest in German educational circles. The principal feature recommended is the making of lessons in the English language compulsory in certain classes, detroning French.

Shoots Himself in a Hotel.

George D. Maltby, Jr., registered at the Grand Union Hotel, New York, from Omaha, Neb., shot himself in the left temple of the hotel. He left a letter addressed to his wife. It is thought he had failed to effect a reconciliation with his wife.

Cuts a Man to Death.

Henry Johnson was driving down Main street, Paris, Ky., when he was attacked by Henry Lawson, white, and cut to death. Lawson, who was drunk, also attempted to kill Judy Jackson, colored, and Captain W. H. Cox.

Explosion in Chicago Power House.

Six men killed, a train wrecked and sixteen passengers and employees injured were the results of the explosion of a boiler in the Northwestern Railway Company's power house in Chicago. The property loss is about \$40,000.

Falls for Three Millions.

A. K. Housekeeper of Netherby, Pa., was discharged a voluntary letter addressed to the United States District Court, with liabilities of \$2,891,003.43 and assets of \$25.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.85; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 24c to 25c; corn, No. 2, 24c to 25c; oats, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 23c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 23c to 25c; potatoes, 42c to 46c per bushel. Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.50; hogs, choice light, \$4.00 to \$4.80; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.50; wheat, No. 2, 24c to 25c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 23c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 23c to 25c; potatoes, 42c to 46c per bushel. St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.65; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.85; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 24c to 25c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 23c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 23c to 25c; potatoes, 42c to 46c per bushel. Cincinnati—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$4.95; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 25c to 26c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 23c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 23c to 25c; potatoes, 42c to 46c per bushel. Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.45; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.80; sheep, \$2.50 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 2, 22c to 23c; corn, No. 2, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 24c to 25c; butter, creamery, 23c to 24c; eggs, fresh, 23c to 25c; potatoes, 42c to 46c per bushel. Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 26c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 22c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 22c to 23c; clover seed, prime, \$6.00 to \$6.30. Buffalo—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 72c to 73c; No. 3, 64c to 65c; oats, No. 2, 24c to 25c; rye, No. 1, 49c to 51c; barley, No. 2, 37c to 38c; pork, mess, \$10.50 to \$11.30. Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$5.85; hogs, fair to prime, \$3.00 to \$4.95; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$4.00; lambs, common to extra, \$4.00 to \$5.45. New York—Cattle, \$2.25 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.30; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.12; wheat, No. 2 red, 77c to 78c; corn, No. 2, 45c to 46c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c; butter, creamery, 23c to 26c; eggs, western, 28c to 29c.

BURN TEXAS MAN TO DEATH.

Friends Soak His Clothes With Turpentine and Ignite Them.

John Balch, a former constable, was murdered in a most shocking manner at Dallas, Texas. The police found him running wildly in Elm street, all on fire. His eyes had been burned out, his clothing saturated with turpentine and ignited. He lived one hour, perfectly conscious. He made a dying statement, in which he named the man who shot him, John Chapman and Ed. Faulkner, saloonkeepers, were arrested, charged with the murder.

ENGINEER SHOT IN HIS CAR.

Fatally Wounded, He Does Not Know Who Attacked Him. Matthew Entenzelman, an engineer on the Chicago and North Western, was standing in his cab at Gentryville, Ind., when he felt a sharp pain in his side. An examination showed he had been shot in the left side under the heart. He says the steam was coming from the locomotive at the time and he was unable to hear the shot. He is one of the oldest engineers on the road and says he has an enemy in the world he does not know it.

\$100,000 FISHED FROM RIVER.

Adams Express Company Recovers Safe Lost in Train Wreck. Adams Express Company officials have recovered \$100,000 from the bed of the Ohio river, just below Beaver, Pa. A safe which contained the money had been given up for lost. It was the most valuable safe of the road, which rolled into the water on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad near Vancor.

Shoots Himself Twice.

Miss Della Welch, 25 years old, whose home is in Fosterio, Ohio, twice attempted to commit suicide in Chicago by shooting herself in the breast with a revolver. The young woman is in the hospital, where her chances for recovery are very slight. Family troubles made her despondent.

Chas Wrecked in Collision.

A terrific collision occurred on the Vandalla at the Cleveland, Ind., station. A west-bound freight and an east-bound coal train collided with great force, telescoping and overturning both engines, badly wrecking them. Twenty-five cars were also derailed and sent into splinters. The damage will reach more than \$100,000.

Rush for Minnesota Land.

Nearly 100 men stood in line before the land office at Crookston, Minn., to make their first claim when the White Earth tracts opened. The line was formed on Monday night and fifty or more stood the time, but the best medical skill was employed in vain to effect a cure.

Indiana Gas Supply Low.

Natural gas is at low pressure in Peru, Ind., district. The gas syndicate has shut off the gas engines of the oil field. Operations at Peru and Rich Valley have been suspended until next summer. The loss to the community is estimated at about \$10,000 a month.

Ensign Is Restored.

Brig. Gen. Charles P. Egan, whose congressional disability was annulled, resumed his position as general of subsistence on Feb. 9, 1899, was restored to duty, and immediately following was placed on the retired list.

Pingree Calls a Session.

Gov. Pingree has issued a call for another special session of the Michigan Legislature, making three special sessions in the last two years. This Governor believes that railroad legislation can be enacted before the Legislature dies.

Philippines Tired of Fighting.

Cable dispatches from Manila announce that 2,200 Filipinos, nearly all fighting valiantly, took the oath of allegiance to the United States in the church in Vigan. Scarcely any rebels remain in that district.

Collision on the Southern Pacific.

A freight train collided with a passenger train on the Southern Pacific, five miles out of Suisun, Cal. Five are dead and twenty-two injured.

Five Men on Hawker Killed.

An engine on the Grand Trunk Railroad, near Cheltenham, Ont., struck a hand car on which were five men, all of whom were instantly killed.

VICTIM OF NEGRO CHILDREN.

Throw Stones and Brick Upon Little Rachel Brown and Crush Her. With her small cousin were here spine shattered, little Rachel Brown of Bridgeport, N. J., a beautiful white child, scarcely 7 years of age, was buried under a pile of rocks and bricks hurled at her by a crowd of colored children, led by Bertha and Anna Clark. Bertha Clark cried loudly to sleep in the station house while her mother, with little Anna in her arms, camped out somewhere in the swamp near Maurice river. Bertha Clark is less than 9 years old, and Anna is two years younger. They live near the home of Rachel Brown, and were never known to molest her or any other child before. Nobody knows how the trouble started, but when the crowd of negro children was driven off by passers-by nearly a bushel of stones had been thrown upon the prostrate girl. She was taken to her home, and a physician pronounced her injuries fatal. Warrants were issued for the Clark children. When Officer Smith attempted to serve them, he was assailed and beaten by the mother and brother. She finally caught up the young girl and fled.

VICTIM OF HAZING EXPIRES.

Former West Point Cadet Dies After Two Years of Agony. Oscar L. Booz, a former cadet at West Point Military Academy, who had been lying at the point of death at his home in Bristol, Pa., suffering from injuries thrown in the night of 1898, as the result of hazing at the academy over two years ago, died in agony. The cause of death was throat consumption. It is alleged by the young man's father that throat sauce was poured down his son's throat while the cadets were hazing him. The father also claims that red pepper was thrown in the young man's face, hot grease poured on his bare feet, a tooth knocked out and other fiendish methods of torture indulged in.

MANAGER STEALS \$50,000.

William M. Gates, New York Insurance Man, Escapes by Courtesy. After having served for twenty-three years in the New York insurance firm of Francis & Du Bois, who was employed as an agent, he was charged with the theft of \$50,000, perhaps more. He is now a fugitive through the courtesy of the men he is said to have robbed, who were reluctant to see him imprisoned and who offered him the opportunity of escape.

TO LAY A LONG PACIFIC CABLE.

New Britain Line to Run from Vancouver to Queensland. The Pacific Cable Company has accepted in behalf of the governments of Great Britain, New South Wales, Queensland and New Zealand the bid of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company to make and lay cable from Vancouver to Queensland and New Zealand, via Panning, Fiji and Norfolk Islands, for \$1,795,000, the work to be finished at the end of 1902.

Two Deaths Due to a Fight.

At Tishomingo, I. T., Robert Patrick was shot dead by Samuel Keel while endeavoring to stop a quarrel between Keel and some neighbors. In a scuffle, the latter was shot through the shoulder and seriously wounded by Sam Tyson, who escaped. Patrick's father, who was 80 years old, upon hearing of his son's death, dropped dead.

Keeps Whole Town at Bay.

Only the prompt arrival of Sheriff Byrnes and four deputies summoned from Columbus prevented additional bloodshed as a culminating tragedy to a series of shooting affrays which occurred at Platte Center, Neb. W. J. Gentelman, the wealthy stock man who caused the trouble, kept the entire village at bay and shot four men.

Big Battleship Is Injured.

Orders have been issued in the Brooklyn navy yard to rush the work of erecting dry dock No. 3, as the battleship Massachusetts, badly injured, was on the way to Brooklyn, and would have to be dry-docked immediately upon reaching there. Aside from the order none of the officers of the yard would talk about the accident to the battleship.

Dies From a Corn Cutting.

Eastwood Eastwood, Mayor of Central Falls, R. I., died from blood poisoning resulting from a cut in his toe during the removal of a corn. The shoe did not fit and cut seriously the toe, but later the best medical skill was employed in vain to effect a cure.

Frisk to Build in Pittsburgh.

H. C. Frick will invest a part of his over \$30,000,000 interest in the Carnegie Company in real estate. In addition to erecting the largest office building in Pittsburgh at a cost of \$2,000,000, he will build the most costly mansion in that section.

Total Population of Russia.

The population of Russia was estimated at about 75,000,000 in 1891, the year of the emancipation of the serfs. It is now calculated to be over 100,000,000, according to a statement just published by the ministry of finance.

News of Minor Note.

The woman who attempted to kill Emperor William at Breslau has been sent to an insane asylum.

Young Wife Steals Bonds.

Mrs. Grace Wilson, aged 18 years, of Fabby, Mont., was arrested in Cleveland, her arrest being caused by her husband, who claims that she stole \$50,000 worth of mining stock from him and deserted her home.

Charles W. Morgan Assists.

Charles W. Morgan, who did business in New York and Philadelphia under the name of C. W. Morgan & Co., stock brokers, made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors to Bert Hanson, a lawyer.

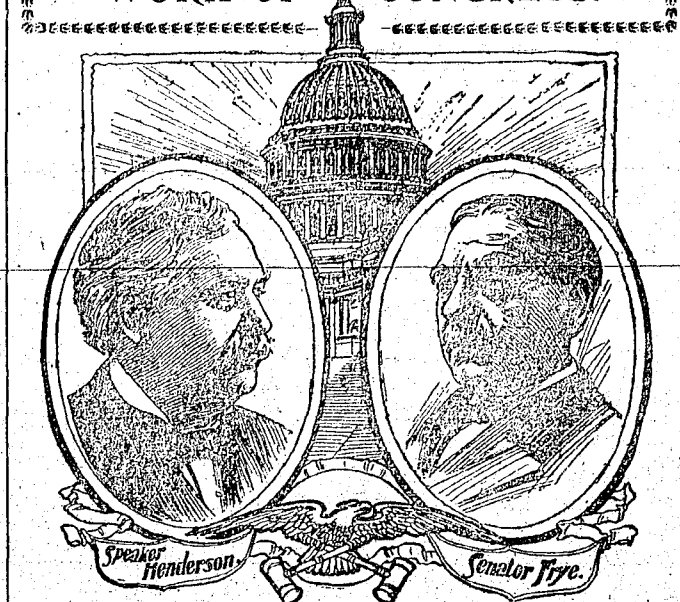
Actress Marries and Dies.

Miss Jennie Williamson, a well-known actress who was a member of the New York Extravaganza Company, died at the city hospital at Cincinnati. After her death she was married to John Burke, an actor.

Operation on the Pope.

The Messagero at Rome says Dr. Mazzoni, the Pope's physician, performed a slight operation on a tumor underneath the pontiff's arm.

WORK OF CONGRESS.



HOUSE.

The House under special order took up consideration of the army reorganization bill on Wednesday. Messrs. Hull (Iowa), Grosvenor (Ohio) and Parker (N. J.) spoke in support of it, and Messrs. McCall (Mass.), Cochran (Mo.), Kleberg (Texas), McCallan (N. Y.), Shafter (Colo.), Cummings (N. Y.) and Cox (Tenn.) against it.

On Thursday the House, after having had the army reorganization bill under consideration for two days, passed it by a vote of 109 to 133. A heated discussion was precipitated by an amendment offered by Representative Littlefield (Mo.), and finally adopted, embodying the recommendations of the W. C. T. U. for the abolition of the canteen. The bill provides for a dining force of 96,350 men. The fact that both Representatives Grosvenor and Dick of Ohio, who are generally credited with being the mouthpieces of the administration on the floor, made speeches endorsing the Littlefield amendment prohibiting the sale of liquor on military reservations and at military posts was accepted by a majority of the Republicans of the House as a direct intimation that the President wanted the canteen abolished, and consequently they voted almost solidly for the amendment. The bill passed is generally known as the Corbin bill and was the first measure to receive the industrial committee of President McKinley. An effort is to be made to force it through the Senate before the Christmas holidays, so that the work of getting new men into the Philippines and the old volunteers home may be accomplished before July 1.

Three Democrats, Messrs. Hall of Pennsylvania and Underhill and Clayton of New York, voted with the Republicans for the bill, and Mr. McCull (Rep.) of Massachusetts with the Democrats against it. Otherwise it was a strict party vote. One amendment passed prevents the retirement of Gen. Shafter as a major general and of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee and James H. Wilson as brigadier generals.

The vote on the anti-canteen amendment was 159 yeas to 51 nays. But upon a victory over oleomargarine in the House of Representatives on Friday. The final vote stood 196 to 92 in favor of taxing the imitation product 10 cents a pound. There was a strong feeling among those who favored the bill that the bill should be amended to include oleomargarine was the only effective remedy for preventing fraud upon the public, while those who opposed it contended that fraud would be prevented by the substitute and that the real purpose of the bill was to destroy the oleomargarine industry. Those who participated in the debate were Messrs. Henry (Rep., Conn.), Groth (Rep., Va.), Landrum (Dem., Va.), Davidson (Rep., Wis.) and Tawney (Rep., Minn.) in favor of the bill, and Messrs. Wadsworth (Rep., N. Y.), Lorimer (Rep., Ill.), Bailey (Rep., Kan.), Grosvenor (Rep., O.), Williams (Dem., Miss.), Foster (Dem., Ill.) and Bailey (Dem., Tex.) against it. The bill as passed makes "all articles known as oleomargarine, butterine, imitation butter or imitation cheese transported into any State or territory for consumption or sale, subject to the police power of such State or territory," but prevents any State or territory "from forbidding the transportation or sale of such product when produced and sold free from coloration in imitation of butter." The bill increases the tax on oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter from 2 to 10 cents a pound and decreases the tax on oleomargarine uncolored from 2 cents to 1/2 cent.

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The Senate on Wednesday passed bills permitting Captain B. H. McCalla and Commander W. C. Wise of the United States navy to accept decorations from the Emperor of Germany, also House bill providing for the celebration of the centennial anniversary of the establishment of the national capital in Washington. Listened to Mr. Frye's closing speech on the ship subsidy bill.

The Senate was in executive session for more than four hours on Thursday, the entire time being devoted to the discussion by Senator Morgan of Alabama of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the abrogation of the portion of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty which relates to the Nicaragua canal. The Senate passed a bill providing for a bridge across the Mississippi river at Dubuque, Iowa, so that draw shall be 175 instead of 200 feet.

In the Senate on Friday resolutions were received from the Southern industrial convention, in session at New Orleans, La., urging the passage of the ship subsidy bill. The rest of the day was devoted to executive session until adjournment was taken until next Monday. During the progress of the executive session, in connection with the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, an amendment was offered by Senator Teller striking out the treaty prohibition against the fortification of the Nicaragua canal when constructed. Mr. Teller contended that if the United States desired to build the canal it should proceed to do so without trying to secure the consent of Great Britain. He said that the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was necessary as a preceding performance was only the opinion of one man, and he quoted from public documents to show that former Secretaries of State had differed in their opinions in this respect. He also showed that in some instances the treaty had been branches of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

China counter at the Fair.
Beauchamp, Monday, Dec. 17th.
Band Concert at the Opera House, Dec. 21st.
Articles from 5c up to fit your purse, at the Fair.
For Doors, Sash, Glass and Putty go to A. Kraus.

Miss Iva Francis is setting type in the office of the Gaylord News.

E. N. Sallier, of Manistee, was in town last week.

All go to the M. E. Fair and help a good cause.

A good house to rent. Enquire at Avalanche office.

Dolls of all sizes, at a reasonable price, at the Fair.

Attend the Band Concert at the Opera House, Friday, Dec. 21st.

Watch the window display in the building next to Kramer's.

Beauchamp is called the Mirth-maker of America.

If you want Books for your Christmas gifts you can get them at the Fair.

Attend the Fair, Thursday and Friday Dec. 13th and 14th. Supper will be served both evenings, at 15c.

Mr. Baumgart estimates their loss by fire, from water and the removal of goods at \$200.

Misses Hattie Burgess and Bertha Woodburn have been visiting Mrs. W. E. Johnson, at Lewiston.

If you want the best Sewing Machine buy the Singer. Sold on easy payments, by A. Kraus.

For Rent—4 room cottage, with wood shed, on Ogema Street. Inquire of J. C. Hanson.

"Men, Fools and Dudes," by Beauchamp. He is the most popular lecturer in Indiana.

Mrs. R. Richardson was visiting her father in Roscommon, a part of last week.

Don't fail to hear the great lecture on "Men, Fools and Dudes," by Beauchamp. Opera House, Dec. 17th.

Penicillin Stoves and Ranges guaranteed the best. Sold by A. KRAUS.

Miss May Blanshan completed a successful term of school in the A. C. Wilcox District, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rouse were visiting in Lewiston, one day last week.

Boys, if your father takes the Avalanche, and you want a good paper for yourself, call for a copy of the American Boy.

The Legislature met in extra session, yesterday noon. What they will do for the "Good Gray Governor" is a conundrum. We give it up.

To Cure a Cold in one Day take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Thursday, Dec. 13 is the date when J. Leahy, the expert optician will again visit Grayling. Office with Dr. Insley. Will remain two days.

At the Fair can be found very useful gifts, such as Comfortables, Cushions, Aprons and other things too numerous to mention.

Advertised letters—M. E. Grate, John Baxter, John Gardner, James C. Nichols, John Tebo, Robert Parke, Alice E. Whitmore, Mrs. W. T. Wright.

We have 2,000 bu. of very large nice white potatoes. Put in your winter potatoes from our store. Sailing, Hanson & Co.

Murdock McDonald, Esq., Manager Massey Hall Lectures, Toronto, Canada, says: "Massey Hall seats 5000; we turn people away when Beauchamp is announced to speak."

Chas. Silsby has taken pity on the denizens of Roscommon, and opened a milk room where he will furnish the pure lactical fluid every evening, at five cents a quart.

Township treasurer Bauman is ready to make you happy by writing you a receipt in full for the taxes of 1900. The rate is considerable less than last year.

The Grayling Band will give another of their popular Concerts at the Opera House, Friday, Dec. 21st. A good programme has been selected for the occasion. Attend, everybody, and encourage the boys.

Orders for parts of all kinds, and or all kinds of Sewing Machines will have special attention at J. W. Sorenson's. He also keeps a good assortment of Machine Needles.

Work on the oil well buildings is progressing and boring will soon begin. We hope to say something about it next week, and also tell some good news concerning the cement factory to be erected here.

Destructive Fire.

At two o'clock, Tuesday morning, our citizens were startled by the dread alarm of fire and, it was found that the Grayling House was, for the fourth time in the history of the village, doomed to destruction. At about eleven o'clock the night clerk thought he could detect the odor of smoke in the basement and searched for its source but found nothing. On going to the furnace room a little later he was more strongly impressed, called one of the employees, and they together looked all through the basement rooms and first floor, but made no discovery. On returning from the night express due at 1:10 the clerk again started for the basement and found it dense with smoke and flames on every side. The house was at once alarmed, and though every room was occupied, and there was several narrow escapes, all escaped without injury, though some were but partly clothed.

The department responded promptly and we believe there was never better work done. For over an hour the flames were held within the building, but they crept between the walls and ceiling and a little after three o'clock burst out on every side. The foundation was so burned that the structure soon collapsed, lessening the danger to the village. The westerly wind carried the heat and flame across the street to the mammoth store of Salling, Hanson & Co., and James W. Sorenson, which were saved with some difficulty. High cinders were carried all over the village, south and east, but all roofs were covered with snow, and no damage occurred. The laundry building was a mass of flames, but the heroic efforts of the men smothered it and left its skeleton, a monument to their valor.

Mr. Rasmussen had thoroughly refitted the house this season, at large expense, making it first-class in every appointment. His loss is estimated at \$12,000, with only \$3,700 insurance, which was carried by the Grand Rapids Ins. Co. Intending to make a change in Companies he had unfortunately allowed his other policies to lapse.

Chas. Patullo, the day clerk, estimates his loss in personal property at \$600.00. Birney Parsons lost a watch and clothing, Daniel Squires a quantity of clothing, and a number of leaders and guests quite an amount. A traveling man representing a Chicago house, claims a loss of \$2,000 worth of samples. It is a serious loss to Grayling, as well as to the individuals.

Farmers of Crawford County.

Whereas John A. Love has been chosen delegate to the State Round Up, we would respectfully ask you to contribute some specimen of crops raised by you for exhibition at the State Round Up. The same can be left at the office of The Crawford Avalanche, on or before Feb. 20th, 1901. PERRY OSTRANDER, PRESIDENT.

August Flower.

"It is a surprising fact," says Prof. Houton, "that in my travels in all parts of the world, for the last ten years, I have met more people having used Green's August Flower than any other remedy, for dyspepsia, deranged liver and stomach, and for constipation. I find for tourists and salesmen, or for persons filling office positions, where headaches and general bad feelings from irregular habits exist, that Green's August Flower is a great remedy. It does not injure the system by frequent use, and is excellent for sour stomachs and indigestion." Sample bottles free at Fournier's Drug Store.

Sold by dealers in all civilized countries. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

When buying your Christmas presents, don't forget that S. H. & Co. have the best line of fancy lamps, dishes, and other articles useful as well as ornamental. Please call and examine before buying elsewhere.

The rooms of the first and second grades in our schools were dismissed for the balance of the term, last week, on account of the continuance of scarlet fever in the village, by the Board of Health. Though but one new case had been developed, and though all the cases had been of exceedingly mild type, and seemed more sporadic than epidemic, the above course was deemed wise, as it is conceded that from the mildest case the most violent may arise, and the utmost precaution should be taken by every citizen to prevent the spread of this terrible disease. Every child showing any of its symptoms should be promptly isolated as far as possible until the attending physician is certain of its diagnosis, and any child, showing a rash, though there should be little or no fever, should be promptly examined by a competent physician. We trust the Board may have the active assistance of every citizen.

WANTED—Active man of good character to deliver and collect in Michigan. For old established manufacturing, wholesaler, home-made year sure pay, twenty more than extra inducement. References may be had in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope to manufacturers, Third Floor, 201 Dearborn St., Chicago.

E. W. Grove

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets the remedy that cures a cold in one day

Regular meeting of Garfield Circle, No. 10, Ladies of the G. A. R., Friday evening Dec. 14th. There will be an election of officers and all members are requested to be present.

Stops the Cough and works off Cold Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price 25c.

STARVED—A red cow, and a calf about 5 months old. Cow is dehorned, and got tag in left ear with the name of N. Michelson. Finner will please inform N. Michelson and receive reward. nov24tf

Lost Dog
A large, black, Gordon Setter was lost between Frederic and Grayling, last Thursday. He had a short tail, about four inches long, and he answered to the name of Fred. Return to or address John Haggerty, Frederic, Mich., and receive reward. 2w

It is requested that all articles contributed to the fair be taken to Mrs. Woodworth's on Monday Dec. 15th., for marking etc.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by L. Fournier, Druggist.

If you have headache or dizziness, or if you have any trouble with your eyes, remember that Leahy, the optician, will be at Dr. Insley's office, Dec. 13 and 14. Don't fail to see him, as his work is always right.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price, 24 cents. Samples free at L. Fournier's drug store.

Delevan Smith fell down, and pulled a pile of R. R. ties across his leg so he could have an excuse to quit work a few days.

How to Cure a Croup.

Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amherst, Dutchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a fine children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as the symptoms appear. For sale by L. Fournier, Druggist.

Now We Have Struck It.

Every paid up subscriber to the Avalanche can have "The American Boy," one of the best, if not the best, boys papers in America, for 25 cents a year, and every family where there are boys should have it. Call and get a sample copy.

Among the tens of thousands who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for colds and the gripper during the past few years, to our knowledge, not a single case has resulted in pneumonia. Thos. Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash avenue, Chicago, one of the most prominent retail druggists in that city, in speaking of this, says: "We recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the gripper in many cases, as it not only gives prompt and complete recovery, but also counteracts any tendency of a gripper to result in pneumonia." For sale by L. Fournier, Druggist.

Resolution of Condolence.

CHAMFORD TENT NO. 192, K. O. T. M.

Whereas, it has been the will of the Supreme Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Sir Knight Kellis Charron, who was a faithful member and beloved companion in our order, and who was faithful to his country, order, home and friends.

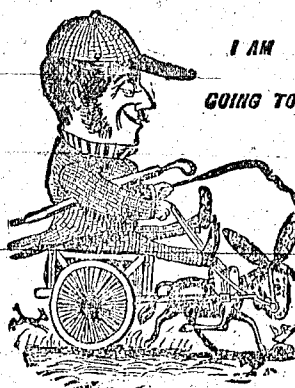
Resolved, that in token of our sincere affection, we drap our charter in mourning for a period of sixty days and we extend to the relatives of our deceased brother, in their sad bereavement, our deepest sympathy, to comfort them in their time of sorrow.

GEO. W. AMIDON,
C. S. DYER, Com.
WM. WOODFIELD.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected part, is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or in the chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be more than pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by L. Fournier Druggist.

SAY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



I AM Walmar Jorgenson's GOING TO after Underwear and Shoes for myself and family. Everybody says he has the finest line in the city. All new stuff and prices lower than his competitors. He sells Rindge Kalmach School Shoes for boys and girls. My wife wears his J. G. C. Corset, and makes the finest bread out of McArthur's Patent Flour, and we all drink Black Cross Tea and Ja-Vo Blend Coffee, because the Doctor says they are healthy. His motto

is: Good goods, quick sales and small profits. Don't forget the place!

WALMAR JORGENSEN,
Successor to Claggett & Blair.

BLACKSMITHING!

Having opened a first-class blacksmith shop, I am prepared to give prompt attention to all work entrusted to me. Horse shoeing and wagon work a specialty. Agricultural implements and machinery repaired.

WM. MOSHER, Frederic, Mich.

Santa Claus' Headquarters.

We take pleasure in stating that our new line of our Holiday Goods this season is the best we ever selected and is composed of the following:

Photo and Autograph Albums, Toilet and Manicure Sets, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Photograph Frames and Holders, Traveling Dressing Cases, Work and Necktie Boxes, Smoking Sets, Trunk and Jewel Boxes, Mirrors, Vases, Scrap and Gift Books, Christmas Cards, Dolls, Toys, Games, &c. Give us a call!

Fournier's Drug Store.

H. G. WENDLAND & CO.

Crapo Block, Bay City, Mich.

This Store will be the greatest

Trading Place

For the.....

Holy-Days,

That you will find in the State of Michigan.

Special Attractions of Interest

for all the people which will make it worth your while to visit Bay City any time from Dec. 1 until Xmas eve to do your shopping. Months of special preparation for the holidays will find every department of our big store full of the newest goods for the holiday season. No matter whether you live 200 miles away from Bay City, it will pay you to come here to do your shopping. You can more than save your railroad fare on your purchases. Thousands of dollars worth of goods all bought for the Xmas season in the following departments.

New dress goods and silks. Table linens, towels, and napkins. Underwear and hosiery. Domestic and blankets. Shoes for men, women and children. Cloaks for misses and ladies. Furs of every kind. Carpets, draperies and upholstery. New belts and neckwear. Laces, ribbons and notions.

Also the most complete Toy Store

in the state of Michigan. Toys for boys and toys for girls, cheap toys and good toys. Toys of every description and kind, no matter what you want we have it.

Everything in our big store is

Sold at special bargain prices.

No store can undersell us and no store can show such a large assortment of stocks. If you can not come yourself to Bay City, send us your order by mail. Prompt service and always at our lowest prices.

H. G. WENDLAND & CO.,

Crapo Block, Bay City, Mich.

Going out of Business!

On or before January 1st, 1901, my entire stock of goods must be closed out

Regardless of Cost.

Having decided to make the change, I shall offer the entire stock at such prices as will insure the sale, and quote below a few of the prices, which will guarantee that the sale is genuine. Read and be convinced.

All our Prints at 5c, worth 6 and 7c.
All our Gingham 5c, worth 7 and 8.
Cotton Shirting at 7c per yard.
4-4 unbleached Cotton at 5c per yard.
Plain white and colored Outing Flannels from 5c up.
Good Cotton Crash at 3 1/2c per yard.
36 in. Cashmeres for 19c.
35c, 40c and 50c Cashmeres for 25c.
45 in. Serge, reg. price 65c for 45c.

64 in. Flannel Dress Goods for 35c, worth 50.
Quilts and Blankets at your own price.
Children's Underwear from 8c to 25c.
Ladies' fine fleeced Underwear 21c each.
Gentlemen's heavy weight Underwear at 25c, worth double the price, etc etc.

R. JOSEPH,

ALWAYS THE CHEAPEST.

(Opposite Bank.) Grayling, Michigan.

A Chance to Save Money.

We are offering this year's

Wall Paper 25 per cent off

From regular prices!

This is not a fraud. We do it because we have only a small lot left, and we want to open up next spring with a complete new stock. Come early, and take advantage of this offer.

J. W. SORENSON.

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Baumgart,

==THE BIG==

One Price For All Store

A Sale of

Winter Wearables,

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 8th,

at this store creates more than ordinary interest among buyers in this locality. The paramount reason for this condition is furnished by our unchangeable rules not to advertise an article or a price unless there is truth to it. See the goods and the prices:

Ladies all wool Cassimeres Mackintoshes in blue and brown, at \$3.00, former price \$5.00.
Cotton Bed Blanket, 10-4 size, gray, regular price 65c, sold for 55c.
Print Top Comforters, full size, heavy weight, at 65c, 75c and 85c.
Men's Fleece Underwear, all sizes, shirts and drawers, at 39c per garment.

Outing Flannel, choice light and dark effects, heavy fleece, per yard 8 1-2c, former price 10c.

Outing Flannel, light colors only, 4 1-2c per yard.
Children's two-piece suits, 3 to 8 years of age, from 75c up.
Men's all wool suits, guaranteed, double or single breasted, at \$7.50 former price \$10.00.

Ladies' Jackets, Capes and Furs, at greatly reduced prices.
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes, the best goods for the least money.

Lack of space don't allow us to quote more prices, but before buying elsewhere inquire of us.

Thanking you for past favors, and soliciting your future patronage, we are

Respectfully Yours

BLUMENTHAL & BAUMGART.

THE BIG STORE. Grayling, Mich.

SEND US YOUR ORDER, and we will ship you a bicycle without a cent in advance. We will ship you a bicycle without a cent in advance. We will ship you a bicycle without a cent in advance.

THE MONTROSE Bicycle \$16.50

at our Special Agency's sample price. It is the best bicycle ever offered. We guarantee it equal to any other bicycle of the same price. We will ship you a bicycle without a cent in advance.

Specifications. Frame, 22 1/2 or 24 inch; tires, 22 inch. Neck, 22 inch. Handlebars, 22 inch. Saddle, 22 inch. Pedals, 22 inch. Chain, 22 inch. Wheels, 22 inch. Spokes, 22 inch. Hub, 22 inch. Bearings, 22 inch. Chain, 22 inch. Pedals, 22 inch. Wheels, 22 inch. Spokes, 22 inch. Hub, 22 inch. Bearings, 22 inch.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS.
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Sir Charles Tupper will retire from public life with proverbial philosophy. A tailor-made suit is sometimes followed by a lawyer-made suit, and this in turn by a non-suit.

The Prince of Wales has put on eye-glasses, perhaps in the hope of being able to see the beginning of his reign.

Make your story as interesting as you may, the average woman will skip it to look at the bargains in the advertisements.

The fact that the foreign mail service of this country is conducted at a profit of nearly \$1,500,000 a year is an argument in favor of two-cent foreign postage.

The world is patiently waiting the advent of the man who can explain why a baby never wants to play in the coal scuttle until after it has been dressed for company.

Still, there is no immediate cause for alarm on the part of rich Americans with daughters. There are only a few dukes left, and the majority of them are fairly well fixed.

A farmer has tried to kill a Chicago pawnbroker because the latter sold him a lot of watches he didn't want. This seems to be in the nature of a blow at the business instinct.

It is now claimed that the Chinese discovered America 1,000 years previous to the time Columbus sailed these shores, but as the inhabitants at that time had very little laundry work to do they dropped it until a more favorable opportunity.

One of the most noteworthy features of the situation in the Philippines is that practically every man who spends a day of so at Manila feels compelled to discuss it and tell Uncle Sam just what he should do. Apparently one has to be there some time to acquire a little modesty in the matter.

While the stories of atrocities by the Russians in China may be exaggerated, nevertheless it looks a good deal as if the Russian needs correction as much as the Chinaman. One thing is sure—perfectly trustworthy American correspondents have testified to a general disposition on the part of the Russian soldiery to massacre women and children and wantonly destroy property. Indeed, the Gothic army of Marie was kinder to Rome than the army of the czar has been to the Chinese. It is no wonder that Gen. Chaffee recommended the withdrawal of the United States troops from association with Kailuek brutality and the deliberate looting by the British.

The important information is cabled from London that the Prince of Wales has quit wearing creased trousers. The fashions of this world pass away. Tommy gives the word and the "well-dressers" must respond promptly. They must get the creases out of their old trousers and get new ones. A one-fifth grain pill of sulphide of calcium every three hours, and a good dose of Rochelle salt before breakfast, several times a week, will displace troublesome biliousness in most instances. A good reliable family liniment may be made of two ounces of soft soap, one ounce of gum camphor and one pint of turpentine. Turpentine, ammonia and vinegar form a good liniment for chapped hands.

The following mixture, useful in all cases of chill or pain, should be kept in every house: Equal parts of laudanum, tincture of rhubarb, capsicum, spirits of camphor, peppermint. The adult dose is twenty drops in hot water every half hour. Biting the finger nails, arises from nervous excitability. Children may be cured by dipping the fingers in a solution of some bitter substance. For adults, a mixture of willow bark, the bit, the taste of the "kid" being an unpleasant reminder. Toasting bread destroys the yeast germ, and converts the starch into a soluble substance, which is incapable of fermentation. Dry toast is more healthful, will not sour the stomach nor produce any discomfort, and is therefore more agreeable to a weak digestion than any other bread. An eminent English surgeon claims to have relieved ninety-eight patients out of a hundred in cases of rheumatism by making a liniment of equal parts of wintergreen and olive oil. He applies it to the part keeping it covered with oil silk and flannel, the pain being relieved in from four to six hours.

Here is something worth knowing. Ten drops of tincture of myrrh in a glass of water will sweeten and refresh the mouth; a teaspoonful of spirits of camphor or peppermint in a gargle is among the best antiseptics; and myrrh and camphor in combination are beneficial in cases of cold or throat trouble.

A great many people find that the nose becomes abnormally red on going out into the cold. This is generally a personal peculiarity, and where the organ is unusually sensitive there is rarely any cure for it. However, by rubbing the nose with cold water before going out, the tendency may be considerably alleviated. To sterilize milk, get an agateware boiler and half a dozen nursing bottles. Put the milk in the bottles, and small pieces of absorbent cotton in the necks. Place the bottles in the inner boiler, and fill the boiler up to the necks with cold water. Put water in the outer boiler, and cover all. When the water in the inner boiler boils, allow twenty minutes, cork and cool. For an infant of 3 months use 2½ ounces of sterilized milk, 3 ounces of boiled water and a half teaspoonful of cane sugar. Who's the treasurer of a sewing society or a card club appears with a new ribbon on, the other members wonder if the funds are in the "proper hands."

he failed to exercise discrimination in the choice of his slang. There is much to be said in defense of slang that is apt, bright and picturesque. There is nothing to be said for the more vulgar patois of the gutter which ignorance invents to cloak its small stock of the vernacular. It was this latter jargon, apparently, which the professor borrowed for use in his classrooms. There is nothing to be ashamed of in the proper use of slang. People who use slang are not in want of words, but give better expression to their ideas, are etymological and philological pioneers. They are contributing to the enrichment of the vocabulary. For it should not be forgotten that the slang of one generation is the correct English of the next. The expressions that are held to be slangy to-day will, if they succinctly express an idea better than it can otherwise be expressed, be classical thirty years from now. Slang is not necessarily nor even generally a vulgar corruption of the vernacular. Usually it is created to meet new conditions and to avoid circumlocutions. It is a concise and forcible method of expressing an idea which would otherwise involve a weary waste of words. To take a single example in political slang—will anyone dispute the value and compactness of "gerrymander"? It expresses in one word a condition which would otherwise require several sentences to explain. "Humbug" is once slang, but it is slang no longer. "Mugwump" is now good English, or, at least, good American, because it means something that no other word expresses. And that is the test of good slang. When your slang word or your slang phrase fits a situation, a condition or an idea better than any existing word or phrase, then the slang word or the slang phrase is going to survive. It is the survival of the fit. The user of slang who exercises discrimination and who employs slang not in persiflage, but as the best vehicle of his thought, is a wise and judicious person. For the slang he uses will be in every dictionary of the year 1930. It follows that he is half a century in advance of those of his contemporaries whom foolish prejudice and tradition prevent from using the great well from which the English of the future will be drawn. It is as certain as can be that the additions to the vernacular—if we except purely scientific terms drawn from the Greek and the Latin—will come from the "sidewalks" rather than from the studies. Slang is the reservoir which will supply the English language with expressions to fit new ideas.



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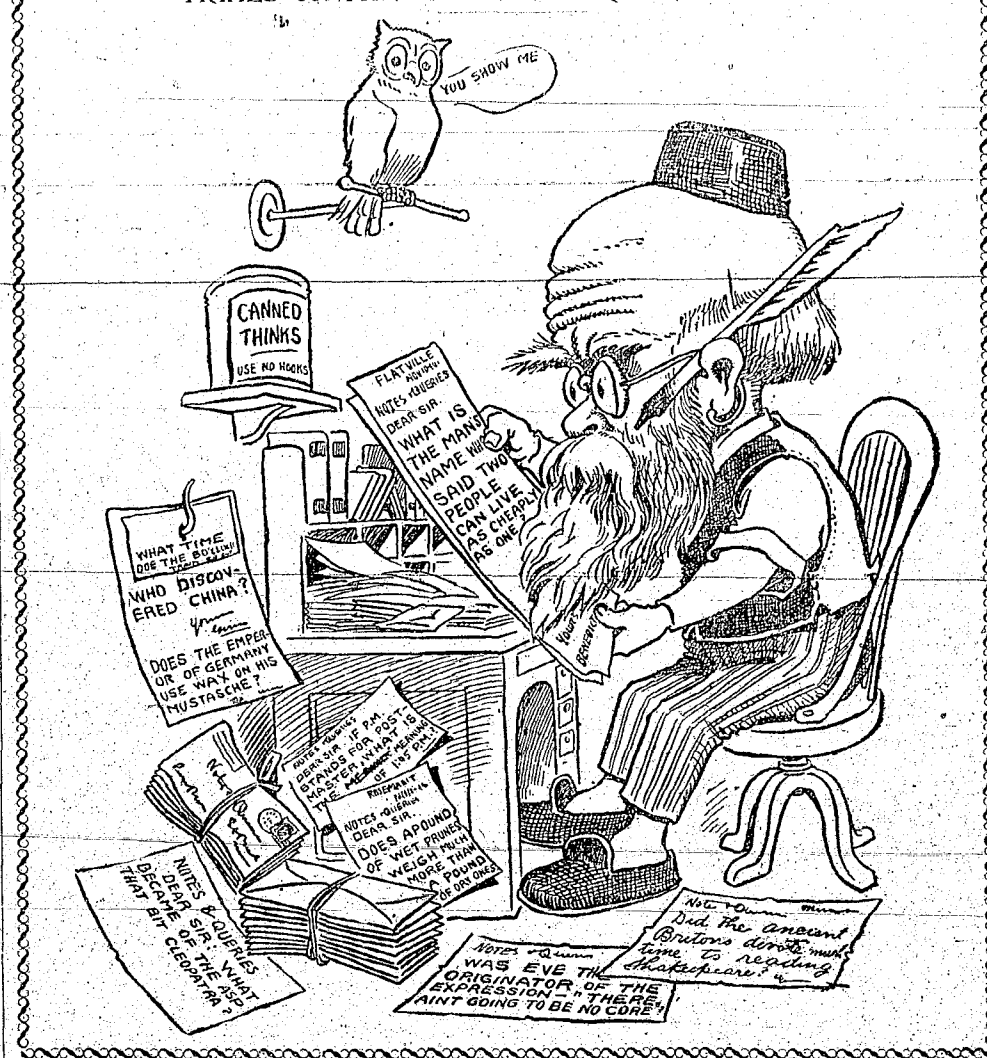
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TRIALS OF THE "NOTES AND QUERIES" MAN.



ELOPED IN A BALLOON.

TEXAN'S DARING WAY TO WIN A BRIDE.

Lovers Have Eloped on Horseback, Escapedirate Fathers by Boat—Have Also Used Railroad Trains, but in Mexico They Ballooned It.

Since the world began lovers have always been equal to the task of eluding their destinies and fortunes in spite of opposing parents and guardians. They have eloped on horseback, escaped the vengeance of irate fathers by sailing across stormy waters, and they have used special railroad trains to put themselves beyond the reach of angry pursuing parties, but in Mexico for the first time a heroic young man and a brave girl used a balloon to elope. Randall Howard, a wealthy young man, whose home is in Marion County, Mo., went to Southern Texas about a year ago to get the benefit of the salubrious climate of the valley of the Rio Grande. He divided his time between Eagle Pass and Del Rio, frequently making excursions into old Mexico. He seemed to be well supplied with money, and being of a jolly, liberal disposition he soon became well known and popular with the best classes of people, both in Texas and Mexico. He was fond of hunting, and nothing pleased him better than to collect a crowd of young people and make a trip to the Santa Rosa Mountains, where game is abundant and the finest fish in the world are easily caught in the clear waters of the numerous beautiful streams. During one of these pleasure excursions young Howard made the acquaintance of Don Antonio Sanchez, a wealthy ranchman, and was invited to visit his hacienda. Howard accepted the invitation, and he was warmly welcomed by the old don's wife and beautiful daughter, who had just returned from a convent school in the City of Mexico.

Not many little walks had been taken through the orange groves of the old hacienda, where the frost never gleams and the flowers bloom forever, before the young Missourian became satisfied that the beautiful Spanish girl reciprocated his affection for her. He abandoned his Texas friends and moved his effects to the little village not far from Don Antonio's ranch. Howard had been warned by his sweetheart that her father's remarkable politeness and apparent warm friendship for his guest could not be relied upon to withstand the test of parting with his daughter. "He likes you very well, Señor Howard," the young girl would say, "but he is the son of one of the veterans that Santa Anna led into Texas, and it is hardly probable that he will ever permit me to marry an American."

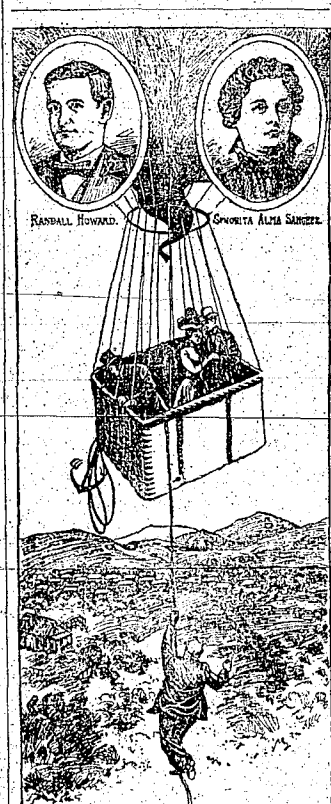
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confidence, he sent a trusty Mexican to the little village of Santa Rosa, which is only a short distance from Don Antonio's ranch, to distribute circulars announcing that Prof. Le Roy, a famous aeronaut, would make a balloon ascension from the plaza of the little pueblo on a certain day. Señora Alma was well informed as to the part that her daughter had devised. Promptly at the appointed time Prof. Le Roy appeared on the plaza of Santa Rosa and began to inflate his monster balloon. The well-disguised lover mingled with the great crowd that had assembled to witness the ascension. The old don's curiosity had drawn him to the plaza where he walked about, paying little attention to his daughter, for he thought that he had scared her and his anxious lover away. As the big balloon began to sway in the air, the lovers drew close together, and at a signal from the aeronaut they approached the balloon. When the air ship was ready to start on its voyage Prof. Le Roy stepped into the basket and a secret signal was given. Before any one realized what was taking place, the daring



HOW A TEXAN WON A BRIDE.

lovers sprang over the side of the car and accomplished cut the ropes. The airship shot towards the clouds, but not before Don Antonio had seen his daughter in the arms of the hated American. With the agility of a youth, he seized one of the ropes and, drawing his revolver, he shouted: "My daughter, and instantly fired. Le Roy seized a knife to cut the rope, but the girl caught his arm. She realized that the balloon was already so high in the air that the fall would kill her father. Howard grasped the situation, and with heroic generosity he turned to Le Roy and commanded him to let the airship descend. "I will do nothing to be responsible for the death of my daughter," Don Antonio was still clinging to the rope and rapidly sending pistol balls into the air. The balloon slowly descended until the feet of the enraged father were almost upon the earth. Howard bent over the side of the car, and after cutting the rope he waved his hat at the old don, and shouted: "I will be good to Anna, and when you wish it we will come to see you." The airship, relieved of the weight of the defeated and furious old man, shot upwards again. The lovers could only hear howls of rage mingled with oaths, and they were glad to be beyond the reach of the desperate man who was clenching his fists and shaking his pistol towards them. Some hours afterward the balloon descended near the little city of Del Rio, in Texas, and the lovers took the evening train for San Antonio, where they soon found a priest, who made them happy.

BIRD SUPERSTITIONS.

Some of the Quaint Rhymes That Used To Be Believed.

To dream of the lark is a good augury for future wealth, health, and riches, says an old rhyme. It is somewhat doubtful if a search among old lore and records of the past would reveal a single omen, legend or proverb disrespectful to this merry bird. We are told, "If larks fly high and sing long, expect fine weather," and another prognostication is evidenced if they rise before they sing at dawn, with an overcast sky, when rain may be looked for, but when they fly very high, singing as they rise, a fine day is to be expected. If field larks congregated in flocks severe cold is indicated. Regarding fowls, the plaintive note of this bird is by many taken as indicating rain, and in Scotland the following rhyme is common:

"Weet-weet
Dreep-dreep!"
The feathered denizens of the farmyard have ever been associated with proverbs, such as "Children and chickens must always be picked," "Curses, like chickens, come home to roost," "A laying hen is better than a standing mill," "Sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander," "The fool puts his last hen in the pot," "The crowing cock loves his own music," and "Geese follow their leader, if he's a big enough goose." Of fowls there is a rhyme thus:

"If fowls roll in the sand,
Rain is at hand."
And when they look toward the sky, or roost in the daytime, rain may be expected, but if they trim their feathers during a storm the rain is about to cease, while their standing on one leg is considered a sign of cold weather.

With regard to ducks and geese, we are told:

"When ducks are driving through the burn
That night the weather takes a turn."
In the Morayshire there is a rhyme thus:

"Wild geese, wild geese, gangin' to the loch,
Good weather it will be;
Wild geese, wild geese, gangin' to the hill,
The weather it will spill."
The whiteness of a goose's breastbone is supposed to indicate or fore-shadow the quantity of snow during the coming winter, as shown in the following lines:

"If the November goselone be thick,
So will the winter weather be;
If the November goselone be thin,
So will the winter weather be."

When turkeys perch on trees and refuse to come down snow may be looked for. When swans fly it is a sign of rough weather, while guinea fowls squall more than usual just before rain.

It seems to be a debatable question with a woman these days whether to take a poor husband to a woman's magazine for treatment, or to the Lord in prayer.

SIX CENTURIES TO BUILD.

Cologne Cathedral Was in Process of Erection Six Hundred Years.

While the first stone of Cologne Cathedral was laid on Aug. 15, 1248, and the body of the edifice was not opened until Aug. 15, 1818, 600 years later to the very day, it was not, however, until Aug. 15, 1880, that the splendid structure was finally reported completed, having thus occupied in building the record time of exactly 634 years.

The castle of Kingsberg, which stands at the southern extremity of Jutland, took 204 years from the laying of the foundation stone to the raising of its master's banner on its highest flagstaff. Its foundation stone was the skull of its builder's bitterest enemy. Three months after its laying Count Jhorning, the builder of the castle, was killed. His son was then in swaddling clothes. He did not continue his father's work until aged 24.

On his twenty-fifth birthday he was thrown into prison by the son of the man whose skull was the earth at Kingsberg's foundation stone. In this manner master after master of Kingsberg was stopped putting another stone toward the completion of the founder's work till civilization intervened.

Between Perth and Kingsburg, in Scotland, on the direct John o' Groats to Land's End road, stands Muriel Castle, a magnificent Elizabethan structure, designed in the early part of the present century. It is not likely to be finished, however, building experts declare, for at least another decade.

Only a few miles distant, on the same main road, is the vast, unfinished palace of the dukes of Athol. It was begun by the fourth duke, who died in 1830, and who planned it on the most sumptuous style. When completed it will be one of the finest private residences in the kingdom.

For over twenty years Lord Rute has been busily building a great mansion on the island of that name. It is not yet completed, nor likely to be for another ten years. At the end of that period Mount Stewart, as the place is to be called, will be one of the most gorgeous establishments in the world.

Restormel Castle, in Cornwall, took ninety years to build, of which period exactly one-third was occupied in excavating the foundations. The solid rock upon which it stands is almost as hard as iron. Indeed, "Restormel" means, in Cornish, "the palace of the iron rock."

Millar Cathedral was begun in 1866 and finished under Napoleon in 1915—449 years.

The Duomo at Florence was commenced by Arnolfo in the year 1294, the last block of marble being placed in position in the facade in presence of the King on May 12, 1887, a period of 593 years.—Star Stories.

Rubber Heels Are Worn.

Everyone knows that when soldiers cross a bridge they are ordered to break step, so that the regular vibration of so many feet shall not endanger the safety of the structure. Now an army surgeon of France has discovered that the brain jar due to long marches in regular step is as trying on the human frame as such marching is on the structure of a bridge. To the regular repetition of a shock to bones and brain caused by this uniform and long-continued marching are due the peculiar aches, pains and illness of the troops. On a repeated march, he says, the shock is repeated 40,000 times, and often the strongest men who can walk the same distance without trouble when not in line succumb to the strain in two or three days. Therefore this surgeon proposes as a remedy the use of rubber heels. This device has been tried in the French infantry with great success.

But our army has a better plan than that. We simply break the step with the command "route step." At this gait the men march in columns of fours at the rate of three to three and a half miles an hour. They carry their pieces at will, keeping the muzzle elevated. They are not required to preserve silence, nor to keep the step. And that's why the American doesn't wear rubber heels.

Old Teacher.

Among the many epigrams to be read on Burial Hill, in the historic town of Plymouth, Mass., is one which breathes such defiance to the world at large as is seldom found, even on a gravestone. The stone marks the burial place of Tabitha Plasket, a Plymouth widow who died in 1807. After her husband's death it is said that the Widow Plasket taught a private school for children of tender years, and thereby managed to do her spinning at the same time.

When her small charges became unruly and overstepped the bounds of discipline, Tabitha's favorite mode of bringing them to a sense of their wrongdoing was to pass skeins of yarn under their arms, and suspend them from nails on the wall. A row of little children hanging in this way must have been an amusing spectacle, but it appears from Mrs. Plasket's epitaph that her methods did not always meet with approval from parents and friends.

Adieu, vain world, I've seen enough of thee;
And I am careless what thou say'st of me.

Thy smile I wish not,
Nor thy frowns I fear,
I am now at rest, my head 'tis quiet here.

Some Big Houses.

The Sultan of Turkey has built at Mecca the biggest house in the world. It is intended for the accommodation of pilgrims, and is capable of sheltering 6,000 persons. The next biggest house in the world is a summer palace at Vienna. It accommodates 2,112 tenants. Next come the three Rowton Houses in London with 800, 677 and 500 tenants respectively.

Many Muscles in the Trunk.
The trunk of the elephant has no fewer than 4,000 muscles—at least, so said Cuvier, the famous comparative anatomist. The whole of the muscles of a man's body added together only number 527.

The Glowworm.

A neat little brush is attached to the tail of the glowworm, and it is used to keep clean that part of the insect from which the light gleams, so as to make it more distinctly visible.

FINE WINTER SPORTS.

CANADIAN PEOPLE ENJOY VIGOROUS OUTDOOR FUN.

Skating and Tobogganing Are Popular Diversions in Season—Advantages of a Straight-Away Skate—American's Nervy Exploit in Montreal.

Ellsworth Hague, of Montreal, was speaking at the Hotel Imperial recently of winter sports in Canada. "You have little idea here in New York," said Mr. Hague, "of what winter really means—that is, the 'sporty' side of it. You never know here what a love of virile life it is that fires the blood in your veins and spurs you on to increased effort when you feel the smooth ice under the sharp blade of your skate and know that that ice stretches away for miles and miles. A straightaway skate like that kills rink or pond skating for you. With the wind in your face or at your back, as the case may be, the fire in your blood and the glory of it all drive you on and on, and you feel no fatigue. No! Give me skating in the open and over a long stretch to get at the true inwardness of the sport."

"Of snowshoeing, tobogganing and skeeving you know nothing and all these are sports to make the blood leap and to cause one to cry aloud for the pure love of being alive. In Montreal tobogganing has been carried to its ultimate. Nowhere else can slides in such perfection be found. Take that lightning slide I had almost said drop—for a long distance! The first time it is experienced it is something to make the heart stand still. Our perfectly constructed slides are high, banked at the sides with snow to prevent the toboggan from jumping or accidentally going off. The carefully watered center is a sheet of glare ice and in running over this the toboggans get up a speed that is simply terrific.

"Some of the slides have jumps in them and when the toboggans go off one of these jumps they cover with their human freight an incredible distance before alighting. The jump slides, though, are only for the stoutest hearted.

"One of the newest things ever done in Montreal," continued the speaker, "occurred there in a winter season some fifteen years ago. It was perpetrated by a countryman of yours, and was the result of an after-dinner wager made in one of our clubs. The American laid a heavy amount that he would go down one of the straight toboggan slides on skates. It was a thing that had never been attempted in Montreal and one I do not think is likely to grow popular, for a fall would result in almost certain death or in injury so frightful as to make death seem preferable by comparison.

"The American took all bets, and when the time arrived for the trial he appeared with a pair of old-fashioned skates, generally called 'rockers.' You probably know the kind—where the steel is in the form of a half moon from toe to heel, the blade is all circle and affords no semblance of an angle to offer resistance. They were very popular in the '60s and '70s, but no one but an expert could use them. It was an exceedingly wise choice, for a skate with a straight runner would have deflected of jumped at a small obstacle, while the rocker, on the other hand, would pass safely over.

"When the appointed hour arrived and the man appeared, far away at the head of the slide, all present held their breath. It did not seem possible that he could make that fearful descent in safety, and a majority of those present looked for him to pitch over the low sides and to be killed in the fall. With hardly a moment's delay he started. At first he seemed to move slowly, and then his speed rapidly increased. Everybody waited for the fall that did not come. Stiffy erect, that black figure descended quickly. Half way down his speed was so great that it seemed to the onlookers beyond human endurance for him to retain his balance longer.

"Yet, flying ever faster and ever standing erect, he held on until he struck the level at the foot. Shooting out on this like a cannon ball he crossed to the soft snow like a streak of light. Then his speed immediately decreased, and when his snow-clogged skates finally pitched him headlong he received no injury. He was up in a trice without assistance, and his first words were a request for a drink. About twenty were handed him. Beyond a slight pallor he showed no sign of that great strain he had undergone, and it never heard that he afterward suffered from it.

"Without exception it was the most wonderful feat of balance and simon-pure nerve I ever saw of or saw. When the dinner came off, that was part of the bet, it was what is politely termed an event. It began with oysters and ended with the next morning's breakfast. Anything that chap wanted in Montreal he had but to ask for. He could have lived there all the rest of his days free of charge. But after two weeks of it he packed up and went away. He gave as his reason that while it was pleasant to have the freedom of a city and everything supplied to you gratis, he thought that if he stayed there he would never get a good night's sleep, and he, therefore, preferred to go off somewhere else and by supporting himself be able to live to a hoary old age."—New York Tribune.

A Precious Necklace.

The most magnificent and costly pearl necklace in the world is in the possession of the Countess Henckel, a lady well known in London and Paris. It is made of three hundred necklaces, each of which has enjoyed considerable celebrity in former times. One of them, valued at £12,000, was sold to the Countess by a grandee of Spain, and it is known as the "necklace of the virgin of Atolins," the second belonged to the ex-Queen of Naples, and the third was the famous necklace belonging to the Empress Eugenie, and by her sold to a London jeweler for £20,000.

New Warships for France.

The French warships of all sizes to be begun or carried forward during 1901 number 13. The list includes four battleships and seventeen submarines. All are expected to be completed by the end of 1905.